Subject No. 143.

Permission to raiyats to graze their cattle temporarily in Amrut Mahal Kavals direct instead of through Kavalgars.

Summary of discussion.—Amrut Mahal Kavals not frequented by the Armut Mahal cattle are leased out to Kavalgars by the Armut Mahal Department for a certain sum and the Kavalgars levy the same from the raiyats allowing their cattle to graze in the Kavals. This leads to oppression. It will therefore be a boon to the raiyats if such Kavals are, temporarily at least, allowed them for their cattle. Very often their boundaries are not known and being too near the villages, the village cattle trespass into them and are impounded, much to the embarrassment of the raiyats.

Dewan's reply.—Kavals not required by the Amrut Mahal Department are resigned and not retained by them. Where the boundary of a Kaval is too near a village, the individual case should be represented and needful redress will be granted.

Subject No. 144.

Extension of Shraya tenure from five to ten years.

Summary of discussion.—The shraya rules may be modified so as to extend the period of Shraya tenure to ten years instead of five.

Dewan's reply.—A general order is inexpedient. If applications are made to the Deputy Commissioner, the merits of the individual cases will be duly investigated.

Subject No. 145.

Free grant of Turka-Haralu and Honge leaves to raiyats.

Summary of discussion.—Honge leaves for manure and Turka-Haralu for fence should be allowed to raiyats free. At present, raiyats find it very difficult to get them, owing to the produce of those trees being leased out on contract. (See Subjects Nos. 152 and 165 below.)

Dewan's reply.—As to Honge leaves, *vide* reply already given, Subject No. 139. The rules proposed for Kolar should be awaited. Inquiries will be made with regard to *Turka-Haralu.*

Subject No. 146.

Bamboos for straw-stacks, &c.

Summary of discussion.—Facilities should be afforded for the raiyats obtaining bamboos for stacking their straw and corn. At present when asked, the Amildar says, "I will write to the Conservator."

Dewan's reply.—The representation will be referred to the Inspector General of Forests for needful redress.

Subject No. 147.

Mohatarfa House-tax on widows.

Summary of discussion.—In some places widows are liable to house-tax because they are not *bonâ fide* agriculturists, while in other places they are exempted.

Dewan's reply.—The exemption from Mohatarfa is allowed only in case of *bonâ fide* agriculturists and the question always is, whether a person is or is not an agriculturist. The diversity of practice referred to seems to have some foundation in orders issued by Superintendents of Divisions which have long been in force. Regulation of Mohatarfa is under consideration.